

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to September 3, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-10, 12, 13, 16-23 and 25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 September 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892).
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 06/04/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/08/2004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


KENNETH VANDERPUYE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to communications filed on September 3, 2004.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative, Gary D. Fedorochko, on December 07, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel *claims 11 and 24.*

Claims 12 and 25 are amended to read as follow:

Claim 12: A method of emulating an Ethernet protocol in a network that uses a non-Ethernet protocol, comprising the steps of:

(1) converting a first request to transmit a packet using an Ethernet protocol into a second request to transmit the packet using the non-Ethernet protocols wherein the conversion is based on a stored mapping between Ethernet and non-Ethernet addresses;

(2) encapsulating the packet into a second packet compatible with the non-Ethernet protocol;

(3) transmitting the second packet over the network to a destination node in the network;
and

(4) determining an optimum packet size for use in transmitting packets over the network, wherein the step of determining the optimum packet size is performed by consulting speed topology maps for heterogeneous nodes on the network.

Claim 24: A system that supports Ethernet emulations comprising:

a non-Ethernet network communication medium; and

a plurality of network nodes coupled to the non-Ethernet network communication medium, each network node comprising in combination:

a network card and associated drivers that transmit and receive packets over the network communication medium using network-specific protocols:

a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) protocol;

an Address Resolution Protocol IARPI that translates IP addresses into Ethernet Media Access Control (MAC) addresses; and

an interface driver that presents an Ethernet-compliant interface to the TCP/IP protocol and ARP,

wherein the interface driver converts Ethernet-specific requests from the TCP/IP protocol and ARP into requests that conform to the network-specific protocols, and wherein the interface driver determines an optimum packet size for transmitting emulated Ethernet packets on the network communication medium, wherein the interface driver determines the optimum packet size by consulting speed topology maps from a plurality of network nodes.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Van Kim T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3073. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Vanderpuye can be reached on 571-272-3078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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